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POACHING OF DEERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the increasing incidents of poaching of deers and other wild animals in Satkoshia Sanctuary in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent poaching of animals in the sanctuary?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) As per the report of the State Govrnment,1 tiger, 2 elephants and 3 deerswere poached in the Satkosia sanctuary from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 .

(b) The steps taken to prevent poaching in the Sanctuary are as follows :

(i) Check gates have been erected at important points to check the vehicle entering and leaving the sanctuary.

(ii) Mobile patrolling is being carried out to detect the poachers.

(iii) Wireless communication facility has been set up at different points to monitor the movement of the suspected poachers.

(iv) Secret funds have been created for rewarding the informers giving information regarding the poacher`s plan and movement.

(v) House raids are conducted to unearth the wildlife trophies from suspected poachers.

(vi) Firearms are provided to the field staff for self protection.

(vii) To face mass traditional poaching by tribals, Armed Protection Reserved Force is engaged to assist the Forest Staff.